

Yet despite this progress in the economic arena, America does not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and our officials are prohibited from even referring to Taiwan as a "country." Our government refuses to endorse Taiwan's bid to rejoin the United Nations—of which it was a founding member—or other international organizations.

The time has come for Americans to take a stand for democracy, freedom and basic human rights in Asia, issues that will probably be on the table when President Clinton meets PRC President Jiang Zemin in Beijing this month. The People's Republic of China shows no sign of changing its inhuman labor policies. The flight attendants in our union salute the people of Taiwan for the progress they have made in recent years and urge the Clinton administration to acknowledge and champion Taiwan's accomplishments in improving the standard of living of its workforce.

REMARKS OF ADM. ROBERT KRAHEK, COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD AT HIS CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

**HON. BOB CLEMENT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on May 29, 1998, Admiral Robert Kramek retired as Commandant of the United States Coast Guard after 41 years of service to our country. I believe that his remarks at his Change of Command Ceremony will give you but a small glimpse into the life of a Coast Guard officer and the dedication and sacrifice that he has made during his many tours of duty and 19 moves in 19 years. As the Ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, I would like to thank him for his leadership and the working relationship that we have developed. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I present his comments to you:

REMARKS OF ADM. ROBERT KRAHEK

Chairman Wolfe, Secretary Slater, distinguished Cabinet officials, distinguished Administration officials, Chairman Ralston, Service Chiefs, CINCs, distinguished flag officers and active duty and retired and general officers, our friends from foreign nations that are here, leaders of Government and industry, family and friends, and most of all, our Coast Guard team, I'm very honored to be here today.

And I'm very proud to have been the Commandant of our Coast Guard these past four years. The awards I have received today, however, are the Coast Guard's awards, the team that I belong to; and I accept them only on behalf and as a member of that team, the team of live savers and guardians of the sea.

Today my words to you are those of happiness and appreciation and thankfulness for all that you've done to make my vision for the Coast Guard a reality.

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was having a discussion with my father regarding attending the Coast Guard Academy. He was convinced it was the right thing for me. I wasn't so sure. But he was right.

So today, alongside the Barque Eagle where I started almost 41 years ago, I want to take time to thank you for this great opportunity to serve and to be a Coast Guardsman. Thank you to my classmates in the Class of 1961.

They're never outdone. They've been there from start to finish, all the way. And what a great journey it's been. What a wonderful bond we have together. Together, supportive of each other, and supportive of a strong Coast Guard, you've set the standard for all classes, especially in leadership.

We cut the ribbon just last week on the Leadership Development Center. And just a couple of days ago, you gave out a leadership award at the Academy in my name to Ensign Green, Class of '98, and made him an honorary member of our class and he's joined us today.

Thank you for that.

I thank you for the active duty journey in the Class of '61, and I close that chapter of our careers today. But we still have much to do together in supporting our Coast Guard and our Academy.

Thank you to the President, and thank you to my Secretary, Secretary Slater, and the one Department of Transportation team for empowering me to lead this great Agency. The Coast Guard is vital to America. Nobody else in Government can do what the United States Coast Guard does.

A member of the Armed Forces, a law enforcement agency, and a humanitarian service serving the American people. Saving lives and property, keeping the oceans clean and safe, protecting our borders and being a distinct instrument of national security.

Mr. Secretary, you supported my vision and plans and goals to be the premier maritime service in the world, and I thank you for that.

Thank you to our Congress and their very talented staffs for supporting our Coast Guard with the legislation and the resources to do our job. We've spent a lot of time together making sure our Coast Guard was *Semper Paratus*.

Thank you to the Joint Chiefs and the Joint Staff and to the CINCs for helping me make the Coast Guard a distinct instrument of national security and being part and including the Coast Guard in the joint vision.

Our readiness as an Armed Force has never been better, but our Services have never been in higher demand either. We're proud to serve as one of America's five Armed Forces, as we've done for over 207 years.

Thank you to a great interagency team that has helped the Coast Guard to carry out its multitude of missions. Because we're an Armed Force and law enforcement agency, we require a great deal of support from everybody.

The State Department, Justice, Department of Defense, Department of Commerce, and especially my colleagues from Customs, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the FBI, the DIA, the CIA and NOAA Corps and the National Security Council.

You've been especially helpful to all of us in prioritizing and carrying out our responsibilities for the Nation.

As the interdiction coordinator serving the President, and as recent operations have shown in Puerto Rico and Haiti and the Dominican Republic, together and continuing to work together results in a potent team that can stop the flow of drugs to America.

Thank you to our wonderful support groups, the Military Coalition, the Navy League, the maritime industry, the boating industry and even Coast Guard City USA, Grand Haven, Michigan that's joining us today.

Thank you for always thinking of the Coast Guard and taking care of us in your communities. Thank you to my senior team, the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Dick Herr.

My senior and strategic advisory group, my Area Commanders and Chief of Staff. And all the flag officers and senior executive

service personnel that have turned my vision and goals into an executable business plan that was world class and a model for all in Government to follow.

You are the wardroom of our Coast Guard and have exhibited unparalleled management ability and exceptional leadership. You streamlined the Coast Guard without any loss of service to the American public and made us a model of one of the most efficient Government organizations in history; a quality Agency.

Thank you for that.

Thank you to that great team. We call it Team Coast Guard: active duty, civilian, reservists and auxiliaries. Eighty-three thousand strong working together. You are the real reason that we can live our motto of being always ready.

You've eliminated work place barriers. You've worked together as a family. You've integrated your talents and together made us the premier maritime service in the world. Your selfless service is admired by everybody.

And I'm saddened by the loss of our shipments who have given their lives in these last four years on search and rescue cases so that others may live. We live in a world of perilous operations, and our rescuers deserve the best support that we can give them.

And to all those around the world this morning as we're here at this ceremony who are standing watch, saving lives and serving America, thank you. Thank you to my personal staff, the Commandant's staff and the U.S. Interdiction Coordinator's staff.

No one works harder or is more dedicated than you are, especially the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and the Chaplain of the Coast Guard. I thank you.

It's fun to smile with you and travel with you and work with you and to share experiences. As one of you said recently, "We're a really tight group." We certainly are, and I thank you for that.

Thank you to my family. What a wonderfully supportive, loving group of people. You have great accomplishments on your own right, and I'm very proud of all that.

I'm especially proud of my children. Nineteen moves to nineteen different locations. You've each attended eight different schools. I move three of you during senior years of high school at great personal risk to you socially, athletically, academically; but you're extraordinary.

All graduating from high school with honors, all graduating from college with honors. Now two in law school and one on her way to get her MBA. All tremendous, caring, loving people.

We did it together. Sometimes in the pop-up camper in every national park in the United States between duty assignments, sometimes biking across Glacier National Park, sometimes trying to catch salmon for dinner in Alaska.

To studying calculus at the dining room table so you could pass your exams and putting together your plans for the future, your matrix of life. And thank you for even getting to church on time.

Thank you to my wife Pat. No one I know is more dedicated and loving than you. Every moment, every day, you've been there for all of us. Total selfless support and love. And you've been there for our Coast Guard family as well making sure we take care of all of their needs.

Pat, I hope these flowers will remind you today and always what a great team we've been. I couldn't have done it without you.

Today's state of the Coast Guard is strong because of its people. They are strong. But we've cut back about as far as we can to meet the great challenges of balancing our budget and the mandates for change of a

smaller Government at less cost and improved service to the public.

We've done that. We are smaller today than in any time since 1963. And our fleet of aircraft and ships are some of the oldest in the world—37th oldest out of 41 Coast Guards in the world.

I don't feel this speaks well for the greatest nation on earth. Our recapitalization budgets have been half to two-thirds of what they should have been the past ten years.

And we should not put Americans, as well as the Coast Guard who saves them and answers their call for help, at risk by continuing to operate equipment that has reached the end of its service life, some of which we've had since World War II.

It's time to approve the recapitalization of our fleet. Now that the budget is balanced, we can do that. On the other side of that bridge to the 21st century, I see an increasing demand for Coast Guard services, and history is making it that way.

Our maritime trade will triple in the next 15 years. Mega ships will require world class ports to come into and discharge their cargo to keep us a globally competitive nation. We need a world class waterways management system in this country.

And Mr. Secretary, I thank you for taking the leadership on that new strategic initiative. There's tremendous pressure on our coastal areas both in environmental protection, use of the waters and for safety.

Our Exclusive Economic Zone is the largest in the world: 47,000 miles of coast line out to 200 miles protected by the Magnuson Act which provided a new 9.3 billion square miles of ocean for the Coast Guard to patrol as a maritime law enforcement agency.

The pressure of our borders is greater than ever from drug smugglers to illegal migrants. We are the land of milk and honey, and no wonder everybody wants to come here.

And operations other than war dominate our national security picture. And in order to do that, we have to work together jointly.

Will the Coast Guard be ready for the 21st century? You bet.

This last week, the 21st Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Jim Loy, and his team were putting together the Coast Guard's plans to be *Semper Paratus*. I know no better leader for the Coast Guard as we enter the 21st century than Admiral Jim Loy.

Jim, Pat and I wish you and Kay great success. You are a great team, and we'll be proud you're at the helm of our Coast Guard.

#### NATIONAL BONE MARROW PROGRAM GAINS VITAL COMMUNICATION TOOL

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 1998*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, in 1986 the United States Congress authorized the creation of the National Marrow Donor Program to facilitate successful transplants of hematopoietic cells from volunteer unrelated donors as a form of life saving therapy for people of all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Today, the National Marrow Donor Program is composed of a nationwide network including 114 Donor Centers, 111 Transplant Centers and over 300 affiliated donor centers across the country. Today, bone marrow transplants

are increasingly being used to treat a variety of diseases. Over 12,000 unrelated transplants were done worldwide in 1995, and the number is projected to grow at a rate of 20% a year. Bone marrow transplantation is a treatment that has come of age and is responsible for saving thousands of lives every year.

In 1991 Admiral Zumwalt, Jr. created The Marrow Foundation to secure support from private sources for the work of the National Marrow Donor Program. The Foundation's goals are to help increase the size and diversity of the national Registry of donors; to assist people undergoing a transplantation financially as they search for a marrow match; and to support research to improve the understanding and outcome of unrelated marrow transplantation.

This year information about the important work of The Marrow Foundation will be widely disseminated to all health professionals that need it, thanks to an educational grant made by Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (CTI), a Seattle-based biotechnology company. CTI has provided The Marrow Foundation with the grant to publish a quarterly newsletter "Team Marrow." This newsletter will reach a network of over 300 affiliated donor centers, recruitment groups, and transplant and collection facilities, as well as more than 2,500 corporate, foundation and individual contributors who share in the commitment of making marrow transplantation accessible to every person who needs it.

CTI, by virtue of its commitment to cancer research, understands all too well the horrendous side effects of a bone marrow transplant. CTI is devoted to bringing novel therapies to the market that will minimize the infections so frequently experienced by individuals undergoing bone marrow transplants. CTI is presently engaged in several clinical trials collaborations with various centers across the country.

Earlier this month, at a celebration of The Marrow Foundation, Dr. James Bianco, CTI's founder, presented the educational grant to Admiral Zumwalt. Now, every transplant center and affiliated institution will have in hand the most current information about the national donor pool and what is being done to improve our capacity to match every person in need.

TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. ROBERT A. MCINTOSH

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 1998*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize and pay tribute to Major General Robert A. McIntosh for his dedicated and exemplary service to this Nation as Chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command. I am very proud to honor this leader from my congressional district in Ohio. General McIntosh served as the principal advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and to the Secretary of the Air Force on all Air Force Reserve matters. As commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, he had overall responsibility for the command, control, and supervision of all U.S. Air Force Reserve units around the world.

Over the past three and a half years, General McIntosh performed outstanding service

and exhibited exceptional commitment to the Air Force Reserve. His in-depth knowledge of Air Force and Reserve Component issues has been a tremendous asset to (1) the Congress when deliberating major national defense matters, (2) the National Security Appropriations Subcommittee and the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee—on both of which I serve—when debating complex funding issues, and (3) individual Members of Congress when dealing with reserve units and facilities such as my own 445th Air Force Reserve Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In today's environment of shrinking defense budgets where the Reserve Component plays an increasingly important role, the Air Force Reserve's Ambassador to Congress has consistently championed the contributions and versatility of our citizen-aimen.

General McIntosh, a native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, entered the Air Force in 1966 as a graduate of the Ohio University Reserve Officer Training Corps program, and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He completed the Industrial College of the Armed Force in 1977. A Vietnam veteran decorated for extraordinary aerial achievement and devotion to duty while assigned as an A-37 pilot with the 604th Special Operations Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Base in South Vietnam, General McIntosh separated from active duty in August 1971 to join the air reserve technician program as a full-time civil service employee with active participation as an Air Force reservist.

He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in the A-10, A-37, C-130, and F-4. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 18 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars. During his distinguished career, he has commanded an Air Force Reserve wing, commanded two Reserve numbered Air Forces, served as the vice commander of the Air Force Reserve, and served most recently in the dual hatted position of chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command.

General McIntosh's outstanding leadership was crucial to the continuing integration of the Air Force Reserve into the total Air Force, culminating in the congressionally directed activation of the Air Force Reserve Command as the service's ninth major command. Through initiatives he sponsored, the Air Force Reserve successfully entered new mission areas including the Reserve instructor pilot program, Space Command Group, Fighter Reserve Associate Test, AWACS, and Combat Camera.

Mr. Speaker, we have been extremely fortunate to work with General McIntosh as Chief of the Air Force Reserve but look forward with much pleasure to continuing to work with him in his new position as the Assistant on Reserve Matters to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I was one of the House sponsors of the initiative to create a two-star advisor to the JCS and can think of no one who is better qualified or who would set a higher standard for this assignment. It is a well deserved compliment to be selected as the first occupant of this new, challenging position. Bob, and his wife, Suzie, deserve our thanks for their selfless service to the men and women of the Air Force Reserve.